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with the idea of keeping the policymakers regularly apprised of developments which present genuinely critical threats to US security. I feel that Indochina and the Off-Shore Islands are two such situations. I believe that O/CI could do a useful job by preparing careful, regular, follow-ups on such situations. I would even agree that in such a case O/CI should not be constrained from predicting short-run developments, though I would be pleased to think that they would check this material out with the appropriate people on the O/NE staff.

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